

LAST ACT IS OVER IN THE HOTEL SUICIDE.

"Mrs. Everett's" Body Legally Identified and Prepared for Burial.

Physicians Discuss the Many Insane Persons Who "Identified" Her.

ARE SUFFERING FROM DELUSIONS.

Thoroughly in Earnest with Regard to Their Claims, They Are Misled by the Workings of Their Diseased Brains.

The last act in the tragedy of the Colonnade Hotel is over. "Mrs. Everett" will not be buried among the unknown dead, but as Mrs. May D. Hill, a cultured woman, who had every reason, so far as any one knows, to be fond of life. She had more trouble in death than in life, so those who knew her say.

Incidentally her death has brought to light many cranks—more than have been developed by any suicide within the memory of the oldest hanger-on of the Morgue. The mental condition of the persons who falsely identify the dead is well known to alienists. Of the deliriums developed by the suicide of Mrs. Hill, the romantic Frenchman, Felicien Fancoulliere, and the taciturn Jesse, Charles Biller, were the most interesting. There is reason to believe that Mrs. Hill did resemble some of the people for whom she was mistaken. But Biller and Fancoulliere are subjects for expert examination as to their sanity. Each was apparently convinced that "Mrs. Everett" was the person whom he identified. Of their sincerity no one who saw them entertained a doubt. The opinion given by Dr. F. F. Russell, the alienist in charge of the insane pavilion at Bellevue Hospital, bears out the theory that they were sincere.

"The mental condition," says Dr. Russell, "that results in false identifications of the dead is recognized and already defined by alienists. It is a form of illusion that is not at all uncommon. The morbid condition of the identifier's mind leads him to go to see the body, and his mental disease causes him to fancy resemblances to persons he has known. It is a variety of the illusion that leads some patients to this pavilion to address a visitor as Napoleon Bonaparte or George Washington. The range of observation of the insane is limited, and the illusion grows until it amounts to a certainty in the mind of the identifier."

Biller has disappeared, but Fancoulliere wrote to the Coroner yesterday, asking that his "indenture" be returned to him at Philadelphia, to which city he was about to return. No attempt has been made to hold him for mental examination.

Ex-Congressman Hill, of Indianapolis, father-in-law of Mrs. Hill; ex-Congressman Life Pence, of Colorado, and William R. Ford, a lawyer, of No. 44 Wall street, signed the formal affidavits identifying the body yesterday. They went to the express office, at No. 30 Broadway, with an order from Coroner Dubois, and had the trunk and coffin, found there in storage, removed to the Coroner's office, where they will remain subject to the order of Mrs. Hill's husband.

Mr. Hill had yesterday made all of the arrangements for the cremation of the body, in accordance with the suicide's wish, when a telegram was received from her father, Colonel J. A. Keith, of Columbus, protesting against the cremation. One was also received from Mrs. Hill's aunt, Miss Pink Prather, to the same effect. The father-in-law thought it best to respect the wishes of Colonel Keith, and telegraphed to him that the body would be removed to the undertaker Maloney's and kept there subject to his orders. The Coroner has signed the permit for its removal, and ex-Congressman Hill has said that "he washes his hands of the whole business," and starts this morning for his home.

The Colonnade Hotel people overcharged him \$2 for Mrs. Hill's bill. Their bill was as follows: To room, three days, \$8; one new mattress, \$18; one pair large pillows, \$7; one pair fine pillow-slips, \$1; one pair fine sheets, \$2; one set of springs, \$11; diamond carpet, \$5; one pair diamond blankets, \$2.50. Total, \$66.50. It only costs up \$54.50, but \$66.50 was the claim filed with the Public Administrator.

NO REASON FOR HER ACT.

Husband and London Friends of Mrs. Hill Cannot Explain Her Suicide.

By Julian Ralph.

London, May 20.—Professor Eduardo Zerega, the husband of Mrs. Hill, who killed herself in New York, is well known here as a guitar and mandolin player. Three years ago he took the house in Brompton road where he now resides.

With two children he and his wife formed a guitar and mandolin band last summer and visited various places along the south coast giving performances. They also appeared before the Queen at Osborne last year. They returned to Brompton road in the middle of February. About three weeks later Mme. Zerega went out one morning. That was the last seen of her by any one here. Last week Zerega received a letter from New York by which he was apprised of the death of his wife.

The sudden departure of Mme. Zerega is shrouded in mystery. Her relatives and friends say she was the last woman in the world likely to do such a thing. Zerega, who is a busy man, is spoken of highly in the neighborhood.

LOOKS UP THE BRIDEGROOM.

Danbury Woman Accuses Murphy of Having Stolen Her Jewels.

Matteawan, N. Y., May 20.—Robert Murphy was arrested here to-day on a charge of burglary, alleged to have been committed at Danbury, Conn. Murphy was married to a young lady of this place a few days ago and had just returned from his honeymoon trip when arrested at the house of his father-in-law.

The warrant was sworn out by a Danbury woman, formerly an acquaintance of Murphy, her allegation being that he had stolen jewelry and other small articles. Murphy claims it is a trumped-up case, and that he is innocent. He was taken to Danbury to-night by Deputy Sheriff Bruce to await trial, and his young wife is prostrated over her husband's trouble.

ARMOURS ARE IN DANGER.

Threatened with Expulsion from Chicago's Board of Trade for Alleged Irregularities.

Chicago, May 20.—Three of the Armours are in danger of being expelled from the Board of Trade. Armour & Co. and the Armour Elevator Company are included in charges of unethical conduct, and R. D. Armour, P. D. Armour, J. Ogden Armour and A. L. Valentine have been summoned to appear before the directors on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 2, at 3 o'clock, and show cause why they should not be suspended or expelled from the Board.

The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the Armour elevators, which was presented by John Hill, Jr., was an exhaustive review of the alleged unethical business methods of the company, which led to the Armour elevators being declared irregular. It dealt exclusively with the transferring of grain from one to another of the three elevators and the consolidation of old receipts, regardless of the provisions of the Board of Trade, so that the storage charges could be collected by the elevator company, on every settling day.

One of the directors said after yesterday's meeting that, while he believed that a sincere effort would be made by the anti-Armour party to convict the members of the firm, he did not believe it would be successful, for the reason that some body, who is not named at by the investigation, may come forward and assume the blame and take the consequences.

"You are deeply upon it, however," said this director, "that the 'boys' will not fail to discipline somebody. They are thoroughly aroused over the matter, and will not be satisfied with anything short of scoldings."

P. D. Armour said to-night he had no intention of having the Board enjoined from acting, but would simply let matters take their course. At the hearing, he said, he would make an honest statement of the facts as he understood them.

PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION.

Holders of Mortgage Bonds of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Road Agree.

At a meeting of the holders of the Central Trust Company's certificates of deposit for first mortgage bonds of the St. Joseph and Grand Island Railroad Company, held yesterday, the committee submitted a plan of reorganization, which was adopted by a vote of over two-thirds in interest. As finally adopted the plan provides for the issue of \$4,000,000 first mortgage gold bonds, \$2,500,000 first mortgage 5 per cent non-cumulative stock, \$3,500,000 second preferred 4 per cent non-cumulative stock, and \$4,000,000 common stock.

The new first mortgage bonds will bear interest at 2 per cent for two years, 3 per cent for three years, and 4 per cent thereafter, the bonds to run fifty years, and the first coupon to be payable July 1, 1897. A voting trust will retain control of the common stock for the first preferred stock for five years, unless the first preferred stock pays full dividends for three consecutive years, after which the control shall rest with the first and second preferred stocks and shall so continue for three years thereafter, after which all stocks shall be entitled to a full and equal vote.

The following assessments are provided: On second mortgage income bonds, 6 per cent, for which 12 per cent of first preferred stock is given on common stock, 3 per cent, for which 6 per cent first preferred stock is given.

The additional charges of the company at present are \$420,000. Under the reorganization the charges will be \$80,000 for the first three years.

TWO LAWYERS ARE FOOLED.

After Winning Cases They Reach Settlements Injurious to Their Clients.

Because he was not satisfied with the amount of a verdict he had obtained for his client, Lawyer David Leventritt told what had been given him. Leventritt represented Nathan Hutkoff, who was suing creditors of Bernard Ratkovsky. Hutkoff got a bill of sale for Ratkovsky's clothing store, No. 104 East Broadway. Ratkovsky's lawyers secured writs of replevin, and levied on the property. Ratkovsky brought suit for the goods not mentioned in the writ.

A jury in the City Court gave Hutkoff a verdict of \$800 with interest and costs. Leventritt said the amount was too small, and asked to have the verdict set aside. This was done, and when the case was retried, the jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

John R. Leavitt also had an unpleasant experience in the Supreme Court. On behalf of David J. Brown, he had sued Adolf Kerbs for \$3,000. While the jury was preparing a sealed verdict, Leavitt agreed to settle the matter for \$2,212. When the jury came in the verdict was destroyed. Nevertheless it was rumored that the verdict was for the full amount asked by the defendant with interest and costs, amounting in all to \$4,425.

WANT TO BE SINGLE AGAIN.

Tales of Wretched Married Lives Told in the Divorce Courts.

Justice Pryor heard charges and counter-charges yesterday in the divorce suit of Matilda Merseman against Julius Merseman. Each charged the other with infidelity, and the husband alleged that his wife wanted to put their baby out to board because she was too much care for the mother. Mrs. Merseman alleged that her husband spent \$8,000 in France in one year, and she had nothing. She also said he had stolen her child from her. The Court adjourned the case for a week.

Evidence was given that Adolph Tizen was now a convict for having represented himself as a son of former Commissioner of Pensions Green B. Raum, and that he had been unfaithful to his wife, Eugenia. Decision was reserved.

Mamie Miller, an alleged actress, was the respondent in Annie Conn's suit for an absolute divorce from Morris Conn. Conn is in the prison for forgery. The Court looked upon the testimony with suspicion and said he would investigate.

Dagmar Cunningham sought a divorce from Richard Cunningham, who proved to have served a ten-year sentence for forgery. The decree was granted.

WON'T DISGRACE HIS MOTHER.

Hotel Thief in White Plains Jail Hides His Identity.

A hotel thief, now in jail at White Plains, gives his name as William Williams, but admits that it is something else. He entered the jail wearing diamonds and a gold watch, which he declined to deposit with the jailer, although warned that his fellow-prisoners were likely to relieve him of them.

Williams was arrested at Hastings-on-the-Hudson Tuesday. He robbed guests in the International Hotel there during the summer hour, and plunder was found in his possession. He said he belonged to a prominent New York family, but would not tell his real name, as he did not want his old mother to know of his misdoings. Detectives from New York and Brooklyn have visited him, but were unable to identify him.

Left Table and Shot Himself.

Herman Lachin, fifty years old, of Summit avenue, West Hoboken, shot himself through the temple at his home shortly before noon yesterday. He had left his wife and children seated at the dinner table. Lachin died while being taken to Christ Hospital, Jersey City. No reason for his suicide existed, as he was steadily employed.

ATE MORPHINE AS FOOD.

Roife Eldredge Becomes Such a Slave to the Drug That His Wife Sues for Divorce.

Boston, May 20.—"I used to see him eat a tablespoonful of morphine at a gulp," was the testimony of a servant in the divorce suit in which Elizabeth M. Eldredge sues for freedom from Roife Eldredge. Mrs. Eldredge was married to Roife Eldredge in London, England, in 1875. They have lived in New York and Boston since that until about five years ago he ceased to support her.

Immediately after the marriage, Roife inherited about \$580,000 and they travelled abroad. He had peculiar habits of living, going to bed at 7 and 8 a. m., and getting up at 5 or 6 p. m. The wife swore that she had known him to take six eight-ounce bottles of the drug a week.

Eldredge is the only son of the late President Eldredge, of the New York and New England Railroad, and was educated abroad.

The large fortune was inherited from his father, but was quickly spent. The excessive use of drugs rendered him violent. He has said many times that he would give his right hand could he be freed from the slavish habit, but it was too late.

The divorce was granted, the custody of the thirteen-year-old daughter being given to the mother.

Sailor Who Killed Two Men.

Argument was heard and decision reserved in the criminal branch of the United States Supreme Court before Judge Brown in the case of Henry H. Hines, a sailor, charged with murder on the high seas. He is alleged to have killed Henry J. Miller, mate of the schooner Rebecca J. Moulton. Lawyer H. Rose tried to throw the case out of court on the plea that the offense was committed three years ago, but it was shown that during that time he was serving a sentence in a Cuban prison for having killed a man.

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James Flynn, 645 West 130th street, city: "I couldn't hear anything in my right ear. I was some deaf in that ear. There was a roaring sound in that ear. Now I can hear distinctly in my right ear, and the noises are all gone."

Mrs. Eliza King, 53 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn: "I was deaf in both ears. People had to scream at me to make me hear. The noises in my ears were terrible. I got so deaf I was afraid of being run over by the cars. Now I can hear a pin drop. I can hear that there is a sentence in a Cuban prison for having killed a man."

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DISEASE OF HEAD AND THROAT.

The head and throat become diseased from neglected colds causing Catarrh when the condition of the blood predisposes to this condition.

"Is the voice husky?"
"Do you spit up slime?"
"Do you sneeze all over?"
"Do you stare at night?"
"Do you blow out snore?"
"Do you sneeze and sneeze?"
"Does your nose discharge?"
"Is this worse toward night?"
"Does the nose bleed easily?"
"Is there a burning in the eye?"
"Is there pain in front of head?"
"Is there pain across the eye?"
"Is there itching in the throat?"
"Do you have a lump in the throat?"
"Do you have to clear the throat?"
"Is the throat dry in the morning?"
"Do you have a lump in the throat?"
"Do you sleep with the mouth open?"
"Does your nose stop up toward night?"

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